

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16 Mar 58	2. LOCATION Tampa, Fla. Macdill AFB, Fla		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2 hr prior to sunset GMT 16/2130Z-2340Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual Binoculars <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military & Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 migs	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE stationary	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1. Obj like inverted pear. White changing to reddish-orange. Size of pea w/naked eye, size of dime w/binoculars. 2. Egg shaped obj w/large part on top, silver color, size of pea.		11. COMMENTS The description is typical of a balloon seen at dusk. Confirmed WX Bureau Schedule.	

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SQA021KYDA005 VYC014 VMA019DLA007

PP RJEDDN RJESDB RJEDSQ RJEPHQ

DE RJESDL 1

Z 170430Z

FM COMAIRDIV 6 MACDILL AFB FLA

TO RJEDDN/COMAIRDEF ENT AFB COLO

RJESDB/COMAIRDEFDIV 35 DOBBINS AFB MARIETTA GA

RJEDSQ/COMAIRTECH INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO

RJEPHQ/ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHDC

RJEPHQ/OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES HQ USAF WASHDC

BT

/UNCLAS/UFO

(A) 1. EGGSHAPE WITH LARGE PART ON TOP

2. PEA

3. SILVER

4. ONE

5. N/A

6. NONE

7. N/A

8. NONE

9. NONE



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(D) 1. BRIGHT SLIVER COLOR IN DAYLIGHT

2", 45 DEGREES UP ON NORTH HEADING

3. SAME

4. NONE DID NOT MOVE

5. SUNSET

6. 30 MINS BEFORE SUNSET

(C) 1. GROUND-VISUAL

2. NONE

3. N/A

(B) 1. 2130Z - 16 MAR 58 *2130-57 = 1630*

2. DUSK

(E) MACDILL AFB

3. MALCOLM E. TOOF CAPT. HQ. SQN. 829TH ABG MACDILL AFB ASST  
OPERATION OFFICER VERY RELIABLE

(G) 1. 1757E HRS - HIGH SCATTERED 15 MI 61/35-NW7 .324

1857E HRS- HIGH SCATTERED 15 MI 58/43-NW5-337

2. SURFACE - 320/6

3200 - 310/14

18000-320/29

18300-280/43

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23000-270/59

33000 270/65

53000 270/75

80000- NOT AVAILABLE

3. NONE - SCATTERED CIRRUS \*

4. 15 MI

5. 3/8 CIRRUS \*

6 NONE

(H) NONE

(I) NONE

(J) ONE T-33 DEPARTED MACDILL AT 1840E FOR EGLIN AT 10,000 FT ON  
NORTH HEADING

(K) ASST. OPERATIONS OFFICER MACDILL AFB, OBJECT APPEARED TO BE A  
BALLOON AT VERY HIGH ALTITUDE, WITH THE SETTING SUNSHINING ON IT TO  
GIVE IT THE SHINY LOOK. WA STATION AT MACDILL SAID IT COULD BE  
A WEATHER BALLOON AT VERY HIGH ALTITUDE. FROM THE TIME IT WAS SIGHTED  
IT DID NOT SEEM TO MOVE UNTIL IT DISAPPEARED.

17/2453Z MAR RJESDL

CONCERN:

POSS BALLOON

It is pointed out that the observer  
was looking at object through a  
scattered cloud cover \* (see 3-5 above),  
at dusk. The tricks played on eyes under  
these conditions well-known (and documented)  
for over 12 years by UFO section.



UNKNOWN

C. NONE

D. 15 MILES

E. TWO TENTHS

F. NONE

G. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

11. FLIGHT SERVICE OPERATIONS OFFICER FORWARDED FOR  
INFORMATION AND NECESSARY ACTION.

12. NONE

17/2055Z MAR RJESSW



S/SGT ROBERT M TOPPMAN AGE 29 1928TH AACS SQDN TOWER OPERATOR

ALL STATIONED MACDILL AFB, FLA.

P. A. CLEAR

B. 6210 280 DEGS 24K

11000 290 DEGS 35K

Note discrepancy  
in  
Three diff. servers  
SAME  
by

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16000 280 DEGS 60K

20000 270 DEGS 45K

30000 270 DEGS 120K

40000 270 DEGS 110K

1117 - 17/0225

BA/COX 022353  
16 MAR 61

RECEIVED

SQDC12 VDC001 VYC005 VMA010SWA003

PP RJEDDN RJEDWP RJEPNE RJESDB

RE RJESSW 2B

P 170051Z

FM COMDR 2247TH AACSRON

TO RJADEN/COMDR AIR DEFENCE COMMAND

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER

RJEPNE/COMDR EASTERN AIR DEFENCE COMMAND

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1. A. STAR OR BALLOON

B. FLA

C. SILVER

D. ONE

E. N/A

F. N/A

G. NONE

H. NO SOUND

I. NONE

2. A. PEOPLE ALL OVER CITY OF TAMPA CALLED MACDILL AFB ABOUT IT.

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B. 040 DEGS UP ← IN what direction?

C. SAME

D. NONE

E. COULD NOT SEE AFTER SUNSET

F. ONE HALF HOUR ← NOTE!

3. A. GROUND VISUAL

B. BINOCULARS ←

C. NOT SEEN AIRBORNE

4. A. 16/2330Z 2330 - 5 = 1830

B. DUSK

5. MACDILL AFB, FLA.

6. A. NONE

B. T/SGT. COOK AGE 27 ORIG HQ SQDN 809TH AIR FORCE GROUP,



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RAE29

V SQA218 YDA204 VYC012 VMA017SWA007

PP RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPNB RJESKB

DE RJESSW 4B

P 170405Z

FM CMDR 2347TH AACSRON

TO RJEDEN/CMDR AIR DEFENSE COMMAND

RJEDWP/CMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER

RJEPNB/CMDR EASTERN AIR DEFENSE COMMAND

RJESKB/CMDR 35TH AIR DIVISION

BT

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFO ON UFOB

FURTHER SIGHTING ON UFOB

INN 153 DEGS AT 2238E. MYR ESE AT 2238E. V1074 IN VICINITY OF

AZELIA INTERCEPTION AT 2238E. V1575 ON A9 5 MINS SOUTH MYR 020

DEGS AT 2238E. V8334 ON A9 SOUTH 6 MINS NE MYR AT 2238E

BT

17/0405Z MAR RJESSW

Planned OD  
170503Z -  
Rising later

170503Z

1- } 4E4  
2- }  
3- }

4- 4X6n

 9/10/91



16/23402

1/16/50

BAG 11/28

12/17 03 11 '50

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14005

SQAC13 YDC002 VYC007 VMA012SWA005

PP RJEDDN RJEDWP RJEPNB RJESDB

DE RJESSW 3B

P 170200Z

FM COMDR 2047TH AACSRON

TO RJEDEN/COMDR AIR DEFENCE COMMAND

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER

RJEPNB/COMDR EASTERN AIR DEFENCE COMMAND

RJESDB/COMDR 35TH AIR DIVISION DEFENSE

BT

SUBJECT: UFOB

1. A. PEAR LIKE INVERTED PEAR

B. PEA CHANGING TO SIZE OF DIME WHEN USING BINOCULARS

C. WHITE CHANGING TO REDDISH ORANGE

D. ONE

E. NONE

F. NONE

G. NONE

H. NO SOUND

I. NONE

General  
of some  
they  
in flight  
appear  
believe  
become  
a fact  
well known  
and can  
be confirmed  
by numerous  
photographs.



2. A. JUST HAPPENED TO LOOK UP AND SAW IT.

B. 350 DEGS NNE OF TREASURE ISLAND ST PETERSBURG, FLA.

C. SAME

D. NONE

E. REDDING ORANGE COLOR DISAPPEARED AT SUNSET

F. 15 MINUTES

3. A. GROUND VISUAL

B. NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS

C. NONE

4. A. 16/2340Z 340-5 = 1840

B. DUSK

5. A. TREASURE ISLAND ST PETERSBURG FLA NORTH NORTH EAST

6. A. ██████████ AGE 42 ██████████ ST PETERSBURG 6, FLA.

MECH ENGINEER WITH HAMILTON STANDARD

B. NONE

7. A. CLEAR

B. 8000 280 DEGS 20K

10000 290 DEGS 35K

15000 260 DEGS 60K



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20000 270 DEGS 45K

30000 270 DEGS 120K

50000 270 DEGS 110K

80000 UNKNOWN

C. NONE

D. 15 MILES

E. TWO TENTHS

F. NONE

G. NONE

BT

17/0201Z MAR RJESSW

a check shows a balloon was released at Tampa around time reported. (Ref: U.S. Weather Bureau Schedule 0 0 -4.23, dtd 28J-57)  
The description given is typical of a balloon seen at dusk. It has been proven many times.

although items 7 B + 7C shows no movement, the object.

Witness

1/21/30 Z

10:44

19

17052 00 270517 05 39'50

ATLC

Cloud CD-170542  
Pick up 10:44